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Karen Luebbert  
Chair  
Missouri Higher Education Loan Authority  
633 Spirit Drive  
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Dear Chairwoman Luebbert:

I am writing to thank you, your fellow members of the Missouri Higher Education Loan Authority (MOHELA) board of directors, and the MOHELA staff for what appears to be excellent cooperation in working to develop a business arrangement that benefits all parties involved while still providing approximately \$335 million to Missouri colleges and universities for important capital improvement projects as well as \$15 million to help commercialize technologies discovered at Missouri institutions. I personally appreciate your efforts and believe that your collective work will benefit Missourians for generations to come.

As you move forward with consideration of the Cooperation Agreement in order to implement the Lewis and Clark Discovery Initiative (LCDI), I would like to bring to your attention a number of Missourians who have spoken out in favor of your efforts. It is my hope that this list of supporters will inspire you and all those involved to continue the excellent work that has allowed us to advance to this point. The following is a partial listing of those who have voiced support:

Central Missouri State University; Harris-Stowe State University; Lincoln University; Missouri Southern State University; Missouri State University; Missouri Western State University; Northwest Missouri State University; Southeast Missouri State University; Truman State University; University of Missouri-Columbia; University of Missouri-Kansas City; University of Missouri-Rolla; University of Missouri-St. Louis; Missouri Community College Association whose members comprise Crowder College, East Central College, Jefferson College, Metropolitan Community College, Mineral Area College, Moberly Area Community College, North Central Missouri College, Ozarks Technical Community College, St. Charles Community College, St. Louis Community College, State Fair Community College, and Three Rivers Community College;

Council of Public Higher Education; Missouri Chamber of Commerce and Industry; Branson/Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce; Cape Girardeau Area Chamber of Commerce; Columbia Chamber of Commerce; Hannibal Area Chamber of Commerce; Lee's Summit Chamber of Commerce; Rolla Area Chamber of Commerce; Springfield Area Chamber of Commerce; Greater Warrensburg Area Chamber of Commerce; St. Louis Regional Commerce and Growth Association; Missouri Economic Development Council; Missouri Primary Care Association whose members include Central Ozarks Medical Center, Community Health Center of Central Missouri, Crider Mental Health Center, Cross Trails Medical Center, Family Care Health Center, Family Health Center, Grace Hill Neighborhood Health Center, Great Mines Health Center, Jordan Valley Community Health Center, Katy Trail Community Health, Missouri Highlands Health Care, Missouri Ozarks Health Center, Myrtle Hilliard Davis Comprehensive Health Center, Northeast Missouri Health Council, Northwest Health Services, Ozark Tri-County Health Consortium, People's Health Center, Salt River Community Health Center, Samuel Rodgers Health Center, Southeast Missouri Health Network, Southern Missouri Community Health Center, and Swope Health Services; Missouri Soybean Association; United States Senator Christopher S. "Kit" Bond; Missouri State Senate President Pro Tem Michael Gibbons; Missouri State Speaker of the House Rod Jetton; Missouri State House Minority Floor Leader Jeff Harris, as well as numerous other members of the Missouri General Assembly.

Once again, thank you for your efforts to bring the Lewis and Clark Discovery Initiative to fruition. I look forward to working with you in the future on behalf of Missouri students.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Matt Blunt". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping "M" and a cursive "Blunt".

Matt Blunt

CC: Members, MOHELA Board of Directors  
Lieutenant Governor Peter Kinder  
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House Minority Floor Leader Jeff Harris  
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